

Santalaceae (Sandalwood)

Bastard Toadflax

Saxifragaceae (Saxifrage)

Snowball Saxifrage, Common Alumroot, Poker Alumroot, Woodland Star

Scrophulariaceae (Figwort)

Wyoming Kittenail, Blue-eyed Mary, Shining Penstemon, Crested Penstemon, Arid Penstemon, Matroot Penstemon, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, American Speedwell, Yellow Monkeyflower, Pale Indian Paintbrush

Urticaceae (Nettle)

Stinging Nettle

Valerianaceae (Valerian)

Mountain Tobacco Root

Verbenaceae (Verbena)

Bracted Verbena

Violaceae (Violet)

Yellow Prairie Violet, Common Blue Violet

Trees and Large Shrubs

Aceraceae (Maple)

Rocky Mountain Maple

Anacardiaceae (Cashew)

Skunkbush Sumac

Cornaceae (Dogwood)

Redosier Dogwood

Cupressaceae (Cypress)

Rocky Mountain Juniper, Common Juniper

Hydrangeaceae (Hydrangea)

Mockorange

Pinaceae (Pine)

Limber Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir

Salicaceae (Willow)

Narrowleaf Willow, Quaking Aspen, Black Cottonwood, Narrowleaf Cottonwood, Plains Cottonwood

Grasses

Poaceae (Grass)

Blue Gramma, Blue-bunch Wheatgrass, Idaho Fescue, Needle and Thread Grass, Indian Rice Grass, Great basin Rye,

Notes

•This Brochure does not include moss, algae or ferns. There are also likely several types of grass not listed. For information on non-native plants please contact the park naturalist.

•This list uses only common names except for families. The sheer numbers of plants and the space available in this brochure forced this decision. Contact the naturalist for any Scientific names or alternate common names.

Practice Leave No Trace:

Montana State Parks is a proud partner with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

Please be considerate of others and refrain from picking wildflowers in the park. Some are also quite rare.

Stay on designated trails so as not to trample some of the park's unique and delicate plants.

It is acceptable to gather and consume edible plants, such as chokecherries, in the park for personal (non-commercial) use. ALWAYS know what you are eating as many plants in the park are poisonous

Please remember to let park staff know of any unusual observations or plants not listed so that we may improve this list.



Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Native Plant List



Bitterroot

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park is home to nearly 200 native flowering plant species. The arid climate and diverse habitats of this 3000 acre park contribute greatly to this diversity and blooms can be found here from early April until October most years.

Guided naturalist walks are offered most Saturdays in the spring and summer. Most of these walks feature park plants.



Forbs and Small Shrubs

Alismataceae (Water-plantain)

Arrowhead

Apiaceae (Parsley)

Hayden's Cymopterus, Large-fruit Biscuitroot,
Fennel-leaved Biscuitroot, Cous Biscuitroot,
Nine-leaved Biscuitroot, Cow Parsnip

Apocynaceae (Dogbane)

Indian Hemp

Asclepiadaceae (Milkweed)

Green Comet Milkweed, Showy Milkweed

Asteraceae (Sunflower)

Hooker's Townsendia, Arrowleaf Balsamroot,
Rosy Pussytoes, Tall Pussytoes, Cutleaf Daisy,
Buff Fleabane Daisy, Shaggy Daisy, Plains Daisy,
Showy Fleabane Daisy, Mountain Arnica, Foothill Arnica,
Silvery Groundsel, Pineapple Weed, Dusty Maidens,
Hyalineherb, Cushion Goldenweed, Mountain Dandelion,
Goldenaster, Wavyleaf Thistle, Hooker's Thistle,
Hawksbeard, Yarrow, Blanketflower, Tall Butterweed,
Large-flowered Blue Lettuce, Rushpink, Canada Cocklebur,
Meadow Goldenrod, Missouri Goldenrod, Sunflower,
Prairie Coneflower, Mojave Brickellbush, Curleycup
Gumweed, Giant Mountain Aster, Eaton's Aster,
White Aster, Broom Snakeweed,
Hoary Tansyaster, Plains Liatrus, Fringed Sagewort,
Prairie Sagewort, Wild Tarragon Sage,
Black Sage, Big Sage, Rubber Rabbitbrush

Boraginaceae (Borage)

Fringed Gromwell, Wayside Gromwell,
Mountain Bluebells, Northern Miner's Candle,
Many-flowered Stickseed, Small-flowered Stickseed

Brassicaceae (Mustard)

Nuttall's Rockcress, Holboel's Rockcress,
Whitlow Grass, Rough Wallflower

Cactaceae (Cactus)

Missouri Beehive Cactus, Plains Prickly Pear

Campanulaceae (Bellflower)

Harebells

Capparidaceae (Caper)

Rocky Mountain Beeplant, Clammy Weed

Caprifoliaceae (Honeysuckle)

Western Snowberry

Caryophyllaceae (Carnation)

Meadow Chickweed, Thread-leaved Sandwort

Fabaceae (Pea)

Cushion Milkvetch, Missouri Milkvetch, Groundplum
Milkvetch, Woolypod Milkvetch, Hairy Milkvetch
Timber Milkvetch, Drummond's Milkvetch,
Smooth Purple Milkvetch, Silky Crazyweed,
American Vetch, Western Sweetvetch, Silvery Lupine,
Wild Licorice

Fumariaceae (Fumitory)

Golden Smoke

Gentianaceae (Gentian)

Green Gentian

Geraniaceae (Geranium)

Sticky Geranium

Grossulariaceae (Currant)

Golden Currant, White-stemmed Gooseberry, Wax Currant

Hydrophyllaceae (Waterleaf)

Narrowleaf Phacelia, Silverleaf Phacelia

Iridaceae (Iris)

Rocky Mountain Iris, Montana Blue-eyed Grass

Laminaceae (Mint)

Wild Bergamot, False Pennyroyal, Field Mint,
Nettle-leaved Horsemint, Rough Bugleweed

Liliaceae (Lily)

Yellow Bell, Chocolate Lily, Wartberry Fairybells,
Meadow Death Camas, Textile Onion,
Nodding Onion, Wild Lily of the Valley,
False Solomon's Seal

Linaceae (Flax)

Wild Blue Flax, Rigid Yellow Flax

Malvaceae (Mallow)

Scarlet Globemallow, Orange Globemallow

Mentzelia (Blazing Star)

Yellow Blazing Star, Ten-petaled Blazing Star

Onagraceae (Evening-primrose)

Gumbo Evening-primrose, Yellow Evening-primrose,
Scarlet Guara, Willow-herb, Fireweed

Orobanchaceae (Broomrape)

Clustered Broomrape

Plantaginaceae (Plantain)

Hairy Plantain

Polemoniaceae (Phlox)

Hood's Phlox (Musk Phlox), Ballhead Gilia,
Narrow-leaved Collomia

Polygonaceae (Buckwheat)

Sulfur Buckwheat, Cushion Buckwheat,
Slender Buckwheat, Sand Dock, Water Knotweed

Portulacaceae (Purslane)

Bitterroot, Yellow Spring Beauty, Miner's Lettuce

Primulaceae (Primrose)

Mountain Douglasia, Prairie Shooting Star

Ranunculaceae (Buttercup)

Sagebrush Buttercup, Pasqueflower, Low Larkspur,
Vase Flower (Sugarbowl), Baneberry, Cliff Anemone,
Western Meadow Rue, White Virgin's Bower

Rosaceae (Rose)

Curlleaf Mountain Mahogany, Serviceberry,
Prairie Smoke, Chokecherry, Woods Strawberry,
Wood's Rose, Sheep Cinquefoil, Pennsylvania
Cinquefoil, Graceful Cinquefoil, Tall Cinquefoil,
Shrubby Cinquefoil, Silverweed, Large-leaved Avens,
Ninebark, Rocky Mountain Rockmat

Rubiaceae (Madder)

Northern Bedstraw